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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

## **ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1529**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Baldwin and Runner**

February 26, 1999

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An act to amend Section 44227 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1529, as amended, Baldwin. Teacher credentialing.

Under existing law, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing is required to establish professional standards, assessments, and examinations for entry and advancement in the education profession, and to establish standards and procedures for the issuance and renewal of various types of credentials. The commission is authorized to approve any institution of higher education whose teacher education program meets the standards prescribed by the commission, to recommend to the commission the issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed those programs. Existing law sets forth the requirements an out-of-state applicant for the preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential is required to meet.

This bill would for the purpose of making recommendations to the commission, require that any credentialing body, whether regional or national, recognized by the Secretary of

the United States Department of Education as a reliable authority regarding the quality of education or training offered by institutions of higher education, would have equal status before the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and would provide that any individual graduating from any institution recommended by such an authority would, if ~~it~~ *he or she* meets certain other requirements, be deemed to meet the requirements for the commission to grant a California teaching credential.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 44227 of the Education Code is~~  
2 *SECTION 1. Section 44227 of the Education Code is*  
3 *amended to read:*  
4 44227. (a) The commission may approve any  
5 institution of higher education whose teacher education  
6 program meets the standards prescribed by the  
7 commission, ~~to recommend for the purpose of~~  
8 *recommending* to the commission the issuance of  
9 credentials to persons who have successfully completed  
10 those programs.  
11 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
12 contrary, the commission may approve for credit any  
13 coursework completed for credential purposes or for step  
14 increases in programs offered in California by out-of-state  
15 institutions of higher education that meet the  
16 requirements prescribed by Section 94761 only if the  
17 program of courses is offered by a regionally accredited  
18 institution and evidence of satisfactory evaluation by both  
19 that accrediting body and the Western Association of  
20 Schools and Colleges is submitted by the out-of-state  
21 institution to the commission for purposes of seeking  
22 approval of the program and any courses within that  
23 program for the purposes of obtaining a credential in  
24 California.

(c) Out-of-state applicants shall meet the following requirements for the preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential:

(1) A baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited institution of postsecondary education.

(2) The completion of a teacher training program approved by the applicable state agency.

(3) The verification of subject matter competence either through an examination, or by the completion of an approved program or the equivalent of an approved program.

(4) The completion of a course or, for multiple subject credentials, a course or an examination, on the various methods of teaching reading.

(5) Passage of the state basic skills proficiency test.

(6) The completion of a course or an examination on the United States Constitution.

(7) Commencing January 1, 2000, successful completion of a commission-approved program, course, or examination in the use of computers in the classroom, as set forth in Section 44259.

(d) Out-of-state applicants shall meet the following requirements for the clear multiple or single subject teaching credential:

(1) A fifth year of study, or an approved induction program pursuant to Section 44259.

(2) The study of education, including the study of physiological and sociological effects of the abuse of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco.

(3) The completion of the study and practice of methods of teaching individuals with exceptional needs.

(e) The commission shall assess the records of out-of-state teachers who have been granted a five-year preliminary credential for purposes of determining any additional coursework that may be required as a condition for the issuance of a clear credential. The assessment shall determine the equivalency of out-of-state coursework in comparison to California coursework requirements, and, where applicable, shall specify additional coursework to be taken. In

1 determining the equivalency of out-of-state coursework  
2 to California requirements, the commission shall do all of  
3 the following:

4 (1) Accept a master's degree or higher degree from an  
5 accredited postsecondary educational institution  
6 demonstrating completion of an educationally related  
7 and organized program involving at least 30 semester  
8 units of postbaccalaureate coursework from an  
9 accredited postsecondary educational institution for  
10 purposes of meeting the fifth year of study requirement.

11 (2) Upon direct application, grant a clear credential if  
12 the out-of-state teacher has met the requirements of  
13 paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of subdivision (d).

14 (3) Notify the out-of-state teacher who has completed  
15 the fifth year equivalency requirement, but who has not  
16 met the requirements of paragraph (2) or (3) of  
17 subdivision (d), that upon the submission of verification  
18 that he or she has completed these requirements, he or  
19 she may submit an application to the commission for a  
20 clear credential.

21 (4) Notify out-of-state applicants who have not  
22 completed the fifth year of study requirement that they  
23 must obtain an evaluation of a postsecondary educational  
24 institution with an approved fifth year program. If there  
25 is a significant difference of opinion as to the content or  
26 units credited to out-of-state coursework, either the  
27 applicant or the postsecondary educational institution  
28 may solicit the opinion of the commission. Upon the  
29 completion of the coursework specified in the  
30 postsecondary educational institution's evaluation, the  
31 institution may recommend the applicant for a clear  
32 credential.

33 (f) If an applicant is unable to secure the  
34 recommendation of a postsecondary educational  
35 institution for the issuance of a clear credential, the  
36 applicant may submit a direct application to the  
37 commission documenting that he or she has completed all  
38 of the requirements for a clear credential. If the  
39 commission determines that all of the requirements have  
40 been met, the commission shall grant the clear credential.

(g) For the purpose of recommending institutions of higher education to the commission, any credentialing body, whether regional or national, that is recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education as a reliable authority regarding the quality of education or training offered by institutions of higher education, shall have equal status before the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Any individual graduating from any institution recommended by such an authority will, if he or she otherwise meets the requirements of this section, be deemed to meet the requirements for the commission to grant a California teaching credential.

~~amended to read:~~

~~44227. (a) The commission may approve any institution of higher education whose teacher education program meets the standards prescribed by the commission, for the purpose of recommending to the commission the issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed those programs.~~

~~(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commission may approve for credit any coursework completed for credential purposes or for step increases in programs offered in California by out-of-state institutions of higher education that meet the requirements prescribed by Section 94761 only if the program of courses is offered by a regionally accredited institution and evidence of satisfactory evaluation by both that accrediting body and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges is submitted by the out-of-state institution to the commission for purposes of seeking approval of the program and any courses within that program for the purposes of obtaining a credential in California.~~

~~(c) Out-of-state applicants shall meet the following requirements for the preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential:~~

~~(1) A baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited institution of postsecondary education.~~

~~(2) The completion of a teacher training program approved by the applicable state agency.~~

~~(3) The verification of subject matter competence either through an examination, or by the completion of an approved program or the equivalent of an approved program.~~

~~(4) The completion of a course or examination on the various methods of teaching reading.~~

~~(5) Passage of the state basic skills proficiency test.~~

~~(6) The completion of a course or an examination on the United States Constitution.~~

~~(d) Out-of-state applicants shall meet the following requirements for the clear multiple or single subject teaching credential:~~

~~(1) A fifth year of study.~~

~~(2) The study of education, including the study of physiological and sociological effects of the abuse of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco.~~

~~(3) The completion of the study and practice of methods of teaching individuals with exceptional needs.~~

~~(e) The commission shall assess the records of out-of-state teachers who have been granted a five-year preliminary credential for purposes of determining any additional coursework that may be required as a condition for the issuance of a clear credential. The assessment shall determine the equivalency of out-of-state coursework in comparison to California coursework requirements, and, where applicable, shall specify additional coursework to be taken. In determining the equivalency of out-of-state coursework to California requirements, the commission shall do all of the following:~~

~~(1) Accept a master's degree or higher degree from an accredited postsecondary educational institution demonstrating completion of an educationally related and organized program involving at least 30 semester units of postbaccalaureate coursework from an accredited postsecondary educational institution for purposes of meeting the fifth year of study requirement.~~

~~(2) Upon direct application, grant a clear credential if the out-of-state teacher has met the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of subdivision (d).~~

1 ~~(3) Notify the out-of-state teacher who has completed~~  
2 ~~the fifth year equivalency requirement, but who has not~~  
3 ~~met the requirements of paragraph (2) or (3) of~~  
4 ~~subdivision (d), that upon the submission of verification~~  
5 ~~that he or she has completed these requirements, he or~~  
6 ~~she may submit an application to the commission for a~~  
7 ~~clear credential.~~

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25 ~~of the requirements for a clear credential. If the~~  
26 ~~commission determines that all of the requirements have~~  
27 ~~been met, the commission shall grant the clear credential.~~

28 ~~(g) For the purpose of recommending institutions to~~  
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33 ~~offered by institutions of higher education, shall have~~  
34 ~~equal status before the Commission on Teacher~~  
35 ~~Credentialing. Any individual graduating from any~~  
36 ~~institution recommended by such an authority will, if it~~  
37 ~~otherwise meets the requirements of this section, be~~  
38 ~~deemed to meet the requirements for the commission to~~  
39 ~~grant a California teaching credential.~~

1     ~~(h) This section shall become operative on January 1,~~  
2     ~~1997.~~

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